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SUMMARY. DISSATISFACTION WITH ECONOMIC-WAGE CONDITIONS AND  
INTRA-UNION RIVALRY INVOLVING LEFT AND RIGHT FACTIONS HAVE  
BROUGHT INCREASED LABOR UNREST AT LOCAL UNION LEVEL.  
END SUMMARY

1. LABOR UNREST BROUGHT ABOUT BY ECONOMIC DEMANDS AND INTRA-  
UNION CONFLICTS CONTINUES TO PLAGUE COUNTRY. A MARCH 18  
ARGENTINE NATIONAL BANK DECISION TO DISCHARGE 58 EMPLOYEES, AS  
AUTHORIZED BY LAW OF DISPENSATION WHICH PERMITS GOVERNMENT  
ENTITIES TO DISCHARGE EMPLOYEES WITHOUT REGARD TO CIVIL SERVICE  
EMPLOYMENT STABILITY REGULATIONS, RESULTED IN SPONTANEOUS STRIKE  
BY BANK EMPLOYEES AND ARREST OF OVER 200 UNION MEMBERS. STRIKE  
WAS SPARKED BY LEFTIST PERONIST LABOR YOUTH ORGANIZATION (JTP)  
ADHERENTS, WHO CHARGED THAT BANK AUTHORITIES WERE IN COLLUSION  
WITH NATIONAL BANK WORKERS FEDERATION OFFICIALS FOR PURPOSE OF  
GETTING RID OF NON-ORTHODOX PERONIST EMPLOYEES. BANK UNION  
REPRESENTATIVES, WHO HAD BEEN APPOINTED BY ORTHODOX NATIONAL  
FEDERATION LEADERS FOLLOWING NOV 1973 ELECTION, WERE REPUDIATED  
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BY STRIKERS, WHO SELECTED AD HOC LEADERS TO DEAL WITH BANK

AUTHORITIES. BANK OFFICERS REFUSED TO DEAL WITH STRIKERS AND POLICE ARRESTED ALL WHO DISOBEYED ORDERS TO DISPERSE. CONFLICT IS STILL UNRESOLVED.

2. APPROXIMATELY 1500 WORKERS OF ACINDAR STEEL PLANT, WHO HAD STAGED PLANT SIT-IN AND HELD MANAGEMENT PERSONNEL AS HOSTAGES WEEK OF MARCH 11, RETURNED TO WORK MARCH 18 ON ASSURANCES FROM NATIONAL METAL WORKERS UNION (UOM) THAT LOCAL UNION ELECTIONS WILL BE HELD WITHIN FOUR MONTHS. UNION HAS BEEN INTERVENED BY NATIONAL UOM FOR PAST TWO YEARS, AND PLANT TAKEOVER WAS DESIGNED TO FORCE ELECTIONS. ACINDAR PLANT UNION OPPOSES NATIONAL LEADERSHIP OF ORTHODOX UOM LEADER LORENZO MIGUEL. MIGUEL AND MAJORITY OF NATIONAL UOM LEADERSHIP WERE RE-ELECTED TO FOUR YEAR TERM IN MARCH 18 CONGRESS.

3. WORKERS ARE PRESENTLY ON STRIKE IN TWO INDUSTRIAL PLANTS OPERATED BY THE MILITARY (FABRICACIONES MILITARES). STRIKING WORKERS ARE DEMANDING SUBSTANTIAL PAY INCREASES, WELL ABOVE THAT BELIEVED LIKELY TO BE AGREED ON IN CURRENT NATIONAL COLLECTIVE BARGAINING SESSIONS. MEAT WORKERS UNION IS NOW IN NATIONWIDE STATE OF ALERT TO PROTEST PROPOSED AND PAST LAY-OFFS AT VARIOUS MEAT PACKING PLANTS AND SLAUGHTER HOUSES. ONE GOVERNMENT OWNED PLANT HAS ALREADY BEEN STRUCK IN EFFORT TO SAFEGUARD JOBS.

COMMENT. THE LEFTIST JTP HAS BEEN EXTREMELY ACTIVE IN PROMOTING OPPOSITION TO THE NATIONAL ORTHODOX LABOR LEADERSHIP AND IN CREATING OPPOSITION AND AGITATION IN LOCAL LEVEL UNIONS. AGITATION AND UNREST ARE EXPECTED TO INCREASE DURING THE FORTHCOMING MONTHS BECAUSE OF THE ONGOING DISPUTE BETWEEN THE LEFT AND RIGHT SECTORS OF THE LABOR MOVEMENT AND INCREASED DISSATISFACTION AT THE WORK LEVEL WITH THE ECONOMIC-WAGE SITUATION.

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